



GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING



# **HELPLESS DEPENDENCE**

MARK 10:1-31



# New Testament Palestine

## Mark 10

Beyond the Jordan  
Up to Jerusalem  
Jericho

Note: 10:2,17,32,46





**And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?"**

DEUTERONOMY 24:1



# INTIMACY & PERMANENCE

- **Intimacy**: "Leaving" not only physically but emotionally and dependently. "Cleaving" - Hold fast
- **Permanence**: The Creator, the Almighty ordains this. Jesus adds this to the Genesis 2:24 quote, "So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." Mark 10:8, 9

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## PRESENT CULTURE

**"Letting go of your marriage – if it is no longer fulfilling – can be the most successful thing you have ever done."**

**John Adam & Nancy Williamson**

## BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION

**"In sharp contrast with our culture, the Bible teaches that the essence of marriage is a sacrificial commitment to the good of the other." Tim Keller**



**"But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."**

MATTHEW 5:32





# WHAT DO WE DO?

1. **Reject cultural trends of self-fulfillment as a god.**
2. **Embrace the biblical truth even when it causes pain.**
3. **Seek counsel from one of our TBC pastors.**
4. **Remember that we are called to helpless dependence on our great God and King!**



# WHY EMPHASIZE MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

- **19 out of 20 received Christ before the age of 25**
- **at 25, 1 in 10,000 will become believers**
- **at 35, 1 in 50,000**
- **at 45, 1 in 200,000**
- **at 55, 1 in 300,000**
- **at 75, 1 in 700,000**



**D.L. Moody once returned from a meeting and reported two and a half conversions. "Two adults and a child, I suppose?" asked his host. "No," said Moody, "two children and an adult. The children gave their whole lives. The adult had only half of his left to give."**



**And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.**

MARK 10:17-22



**There are two words used to describe the man,  
"disheartened & sorrowful".**


**This tells us that he really had some kind of desire to  
pursue Jesus and experience eternal life. BUT his things,  
the lifestyle, the notoriety, the influence, the future, control  
were too much to give up. He couldn't bring himself to  
HELPLESS DEPENDENCE.**



**And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:24,25**

**Almost half of humanity is living on \$5.50 per day. Recent estimates are that 9.2% of the world, or 689 million people, live in extreme poverty on \$1.90 or less a day. In the United States, 11.8% of the population or 38.1 million people, live in poverty—with an income of less than \$33.26 per day—according to the 2018 census.**





ALL THINGS

ARE

**POSSIBLE**

WITH GOD.



MARK 10:27



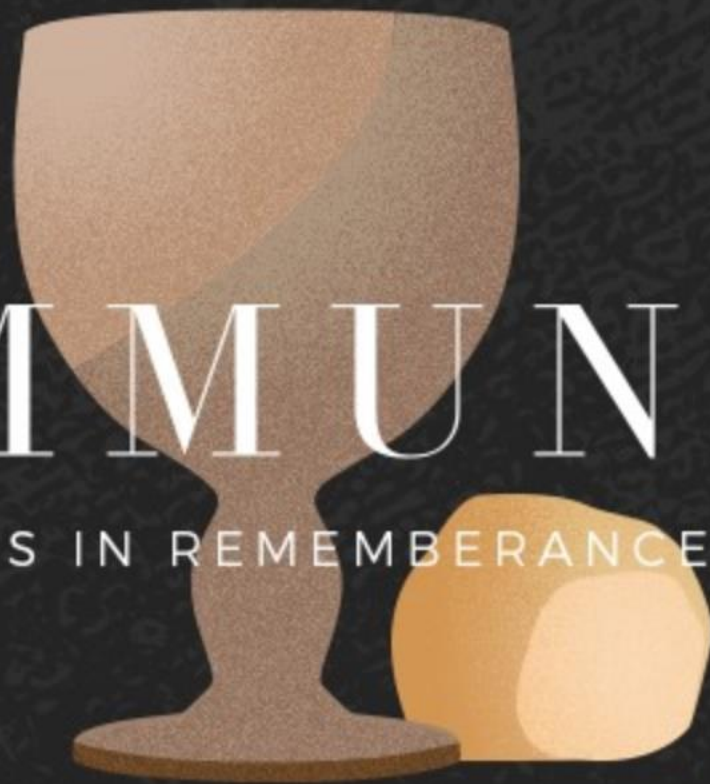
## **Independent Attitude...**

- **Is detrimental to the community that God has created us for.**
- **Denies us the most essential posture that we should live by...HELPLESS DEPENDENCE!**



# COMMUNION

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME





**For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'**

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23,24



**In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25,26





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